Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao supported the representation.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration in connection with the Grant-in-aid Code, the revision of which is on hand.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Better staff of high school teachers.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The results of the recent Matriculation examination in some of the High Schools show that proper scrutiny has not been exercised in the appointments and transfers of teachers to High Schools. Mere seniority in service ought not to count as a qualification for the post of the Headmaster of a high school. The aptitude of the teacher should be ascertained before the appointment is made. It would perhaps be better if some graduates are taken as probationers in the office of the Inspector-General of Education before they are sent out as teachers.

Reply of Government.—This will receive due consideration. A scheme is under contemplation of entertaining capable graduates as Probationers, and giving them proper training before confirmation.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Progressive pay to Anglo-Vernacular schoolmasters.

(1) Mr Kotturiah, Tiptur taluk.
(2) Mr. Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk and
(3) Mr. Boregowda, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Schoolmasters now start on a salary of Rs. 10. Those who have put in over 20 years service are also getting Rs. 10. There is thus no difference between an experienced master and a new man. This makes the masters work with less interest and the education of the children thereby suffers. It is therefore prayed that the masters in the taluk Anglo-Vernacular schools at least, be given periodical increments every year as is being given in other departments.

(2) The system of promotion by grades may be introduced into Anglo-Vernacular schools as in the case of high schools.

(3) The schoolmasters of all the elementry schools are given a uniform pay without regard to their merit and good work turned out by them. Pray that some distinction be drawn between those that do good and hard work and promotions given them by way of encouragement.

Reply of Government.—The revision of scale of pay of the Anglo-Vernacular schoolmasters is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 277.

Increase of pay to masters of Kannada schools.

Messrs. Revanasiddia, Gurulingappa and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Kannada school masters who have passed the Upper Secondary and Pandits' examinations get very low pay and do not get any periodical increments. Considering their qualifications, it is desirable to prescribe a scale of increments to their pay by way of encouragement.

Reply of Government.—Orders have been issued to give promotions more largely than has been done hitherto, to such masters.

SUBJECT No. 278.

Mutual transfers of teachers.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadanauda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—It has been ordered that previous sanction of Government is necessary for mutual transfers of teachers whose pay is debitable to Local Fund and State Fund. As this will cause great inconvenience it is prayed that this order may be cancelled.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 279.

Prospects of officials of the Educational Service.

Messrs. Venkatasamiah, and Padmannah, Nanjangud taluk.

Withdrawn, as the subject is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 280.

Employment of additional teachers in village schools.

Messrs. Sitaramayya and Linge Gowda, Chiknayakanhalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the hobli schools one teacher is required to manage all the classes from the infant to the lower secondary. When the teacher is engaged in the lower secondary class, the other classes are entirely neglected. The staff should be increased. Instead of giving only general education, if some industry be also taught to the boys and if the staff of teachers be increased in proportion to the strength of each class, poor students will have a better chance for improvement. It is requested that steps be taken to reorganise hobli schools on the lines suggested above.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 281.

English teachers for village elementary schools.

(*a*) Mr. Chikka Badappa, Sira taluk.
(*b*) Mr. Lingegowda, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) An English teacher may be appointed in all village elementary schools to teach English at least up to the III standard, along with Kannada as a knowledge of English is necessary.

(*b*) It is prayed that arrangement may be made to impart English education in hobli schools.

Reply of Government.—The teaching of English is generally not considered necessary in Village Elementary Schools. However, under the present rules, if the villagers contribute two-thirds of the cost of providing English teaching, the remaining one-third will be borne by the Government.

SUBJECT No. 282.

Malnad scholarships for Shimoga students.

Mr. S. Sitaramayya, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Information may be furnished regarding the names of students who are at present in receipt of scholarships in the Bangalore and Mysore Colleges intended for Shimoga students, and the High Schools from which they have passed the entrance examination. Strict rules may be framed to restrict the grant of these scholarships only to students who pass the entrance examination from the Shimoga High School as the object with which the scholarships were instituted is frustrated, if they are granted to students of other schools.